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Interview Summary

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Victor X. Nguyen

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Victor X. Nguyen.

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(2) Hirotsuna Yamashita.

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Date of Interview: 24 June 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 13.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sher'417 and Sher'254.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Participants discussed possible amendment to claim 13 to clarify and distinguish a pair of elastic closed loop is used to connect the holding portion in a semi-fixed state from the closed loop members of Sher'254. The examiner now has a better understanding of the invention and will reconsider applicants' response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Victor X. Nguyen/
Examiner, Art Unit 3734